

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center <i>Open Daily 10am-5pm</i>	Mountain Bike Rental <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Virgil I. Grissom Memorial <i>Closed for Renovations</i>	Campground Hayrides <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Pioneer Village <i>Closed for the Season</i>	Hoosier Quest Series <i>Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!</i>
Twin Caves Boat Tours <i>Closed for the Season</i>	

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.
Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.
If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!
Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoo.com

HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People
Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



LOOK FOR THE KOOL
WATCH FOR THE VOY-VOZ-NATURALIST

February 2009

Sunday, February 1

1:30pm Cemetery Stroll – Explore the symbolism behind gravestone images and discover a few unique inscriptions. Meet at Hamer Cemetery (25 min).


Wednesday, February 4

6:30pm March Means Maple Syrup! – Interested in making your own maple syrup? Just want to learn more about it? We’ll explore the tradition and history of maple sugaring, winter identification of maple trees, tree selection, tools needed, tap placement and process, and the conversion of sap into syrup. A maple syrup taste test will wrap things up.

Cost is \$8/person; limited to 20 people. Pre-registration is required to the Park Office (812-849-4129) by February 1.

Nature Center, Program Room (2 hr).


Saturday, February 7

11a-4p  **3rd Annual Geocache Challenge** - Bring your GPS unit and complete a multi-stage geocache challenge that will take you on a unique tour of Spring Mill State Park! Can you solve the clues to decipher each set of coordinates? A special prize will be awarded to the first person/team who completes the entire challenge! ***This year's theme is "Things that once were, are no longer."***



Drop by the Nature Center between 11am and 4pm to get the coordinates to the first cache or warm up between stages (we'll have hot drinks available!). The entire challenge is designed to be completed in 2-3 hours; you may continue to look for caches after 4pm, but no help will be available after 5pm (and it can get really cold once the sun goes down)!


Sunday, February 8

12p-1p  **Snowy Day** – Drop by to make a cute snow gauge with an animal theme. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

It is an important and popular fact that things are not always what they seem. For instance, on the planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much - the wheel, New York, wars and so on - whilst all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man - for precisely the same reasons.

~Douglas Adams, *The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*


Thursday, February 12


11:00am  **Natural Spa from Scratch Workshop** – Don't let that winter weather wear you out... We'll help you create the ingredients for an afternoon of relaxation and rejuvenation! Using herbs and other natural ingredients, you'll make a facial cream, bath salts, bubble bath, milk bath, body scrub, facial scrub, herbal tea wrap, and lip balm – and then assemble them all in a decorative basket.

You'll discover why natural ingredients are such a good choice for your body – and learn the specific properties of the herbs and other items in the spa recipes we use. We'll also take a break to enjoy a buffet lunch in the Millstone Dining Room. Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room (3 hr 30 min).


Cost is \$25/person and includes the buffet lunch; limited to 12 participants. Pre-registration required to the Spring Mill Inn (812-849-4081) by February 6.

Saturday, February 14


11:30a-1p  **Nature's Valentine** – Drop by to learn which animals are “falling in love” this time of year and make a Valentine's Day card with an animal theme. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.


3:00pm  **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover an exciting program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest! Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 35 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! ***Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!*** Nature Center Program Room.

Sunday, February 15


12p-1:30p  **A Home Fit for a President** – Some of our early presidents spend their childhood in log cabins. Drop by to find out which ones and make a paper log cabin to take home. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

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1:00pm  **How much wood would a woodchuck chuck?** - ...if a woodchuck could chuck wood. Discover the answer to this age-old riddle, and learn some interesting facts about our largest rodent. Nature Center, Program Room (25 min).

Sunday, February 22

10:30am  **Winter Wonderland** – Join us on a hike to explore the interesting and the beautiful sides of winter. Meet in front of the Spring Mill Inn (45 min).

Saturday, February 28

11:30a-1p  **What's in a rose?** – Drop by to learn about the symbolism of giving different colors of roses and make your own cornhusk rose. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

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Mark Your Calendar!

March 14

The Civilian Conservation Corps at Spring Mill
Free; Pre-registration required

March 26

Hearth Cooking Workshop
\$15/person; Pre-registration required

April 9

Full Moon Hike

April 12

Easter Egg Hunt

April 25

Invasive Species Volunteer Strike Force

May 23-24

On the Homefront